Sanctuary Education Panel (SEP) Meeting Minutes Thursday, Sept 20, 2012

Location: Sanctuary Exploration Center, 35 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz, CA

Time: 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Call in Option: (866) 782-6053 - Passcode 1161493#

Attendees: Dawn Hayes (MBNMS), Virginia Guhin (Elkhorn Slough), Deborah MacArthur (Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History), Jeff Barns (State Parks), Suzanne Hebert (Seymour Marine Discovery Center @ Long Marine Lab), Lisa Uttal (MBNMS- Sanctuary Exploration Center), Michelle Roest (Education Consultant, MBNMS), Simona Bartl (Moss Landing Marine Labs)

Time*	Agenda Item	Presenter
3:00	Welcome and Approval of June Minutes: POSTPONED	All
	Confirm taker of minutes for this meeting: Suzanne	Suzanne
	 UPDATE: Action items in June Minutes Dawn has postponed putting meeting minutes online. She will wait until new website is up. For now, she will distribute to list serves. Education Survey: Ready to go. Will be sent out in next two weeks. Give Dawn topics for "Your Sanctuary" program if you have them. 	Dawn
3:10	MBNMS Advisory Council Update: POSTPONED	Simona
	Highlights from August SAC meeting	
3:20	Sanctuary Exploration Center's Education Development Plan	Michele Roest
	• Input from SEP	

• Invitation to be on focus groups

Michelle's PowerPoint presentation is attached for reference. To summarize:

- We spent most of the meeting discussing what direction the Sanctuary Exploration Center's education program might take. Sanctuary staff are focused on complementing existing programming offered by the many organizations in Santa Cruz county.
- Timeline: Education plan complete by December 2012, Center tours begin in January 2013, Center programs begin in Fall 2013
- Ideas offered by group members included: Distance Learning

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programs similar to PORTS, afterschool programs, outreach programs in schools, programming focused on "citizen science."

- One curriculum thread could focus on "What is a Sanctuary?"
 How did the MBNMS come about? The Sanctuary began with concerned citizens.
- Part of discussion focused on all groups making efforts to collaborate on funding opportunities rather than directly compete for limited resources.
- Those present agreed that middle and high school students are a group that could be better served in regards to K-12 programs.
- Focus group meeting with middle and high school teachers planned for Wed, Oct. 10, 3:30-5:30pm at Exploration Center
- 3:50 "Your Sanctuary" storyboarding suggestions

Dawn

 Please bring 2 ideas per person or email in advance: Dawn asked those present to give her their ideas. We didn't have time to discuss.

4:00 Future meetings

Simona

- Nov 15 @ Seymour Center report on Ocean Acidification Education Workshop - Dorris (notetaker): CONFIRMED
- Jan 17 @ MBNMS office in Monterey will plan meeting places and topics for next year notetaker ???
- Mar 21 @ ??? topic ??? notetaker ???

4:15 Announcements

All

- Deborah: SC Museum Natural History: new education brochure, Teacher Open House on Oct. 24, new exhibit on local naturalists runs Oct. 20-Feb. 23.
- Congratulations to Dawn who began her position as Deputy Superintendant of MBNMS on Sept. 1. Lisa Uttal will serve as interim SEP contact.
- 4:30 Time to go through SEC or talk to Michele or Dawn in more detail: **Ran** out of time.
- 5:00 Adjourn: Lisa took some folks on tour of Exploration Center.

^{*} TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE